(b) Development SU-30 MK aircraft to suit the specific needs of India is in progress in Russia as per the contract agreement. It is however, not considered desirable from security point of view to disclose any further details in this regard.

(c) First lot of SU-30MK aircraft has already arrived. The remaining aircraft are to be delivered in 3 batches. It is again not considered desirable to disclose any further details in this respect.

Civilian workers of Reserve Petroleum Depot No. 4 in Delhi

3860. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fate of 97 civilian workers employed at the Reserve Petroleum Depot No.4 in Delhi Cantt., which has since been closed is handing in balance and his Ministry has decided not to absorb them;

(b) whether those persons have been sitting on dharna at the R.P.D. No.4; and

(c) what are the reasons for not absorbing them while their colleagues in other Depot have been absorbed by the Defence Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) no, Sir. All the 97 workers have since been absorbed in various other Army Units.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

Centre-State Relations

3861. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item "Bihar Crisis: Centre may take State bureaucrats on its rolls" published in the "Indian Express" dated 23rd June, 1998;

(b) whether Government are confirming the contents of the report submitted by the Home Ministry team, as quoted in the news-item; and

(c) if so, whether Government are aware of its far-reaching implications in the Centre-State relations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No suggestion for temporarily taking civil servants working in Bihar on the rolls of the Central Government and then deputing them to the State has been made by the Central team which visited Bihar recently to assess the law and order situation in the State.

Deaths in Capital

3862. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Statesman, New Delhi edition dated the 25th April, 1998 under the caption "Death" at Rs. 10 in "Suicide Capital"; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government does not maintain details of individual incidents of death/crime. However, the matter regarding the misuse of insecticides has been brought to the notice of the concerned authorities for appropriate action.